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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 28 November 2003 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 28 May 2004. A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: